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From left, BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, Rev. Dan Scott, MPP Julia Munro welcome the Abu Dahloush family - Abdulah and Ola, and their children Ghazal, 6, and Mohammad, 8 - with Deputy Mayor James Leduc and Councillor Raj Sandhu.

## Welcome to Canada

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

This will be a first Canada Day for Abdulah Abu Dahloush, his wife Ola, and their two children, Mohammad, 8, and Ghazal, 6. Four years after fleeing Darna, Syria, as fighting escalated between rebel and government forces, they have been welcomed to Bradford.

Abdulah and his family spent four years in a Jordanian refugee camp, at Azraq, before being sponsored to come to Canada by members of St. John's Presbyterian Church. The church committee has arranged for accommodation in town, close to an elementary school, and collected all of the household items the family will need to settle into their new life.

On June 26, St. John's held a welcoming celebration, to introduce the family to the community.

"This is a happy occasion," said Mayor Rob Keffer, inviting the Abu Dahloush family to discover all that Bradford has to offer - leisure centre, library, splash pads, sports. "It talks about the values we have in our community and our country, to want to reach out." He and

members of council also presented BWG pens, "to write your future." MPP Julia Munro brought gifts as well, including Canada Day pins, flags and stickers for the children - and reflected "on the obstacles facing people who have come to this country... We all know that it's worth it. It's worth it to come to Canada."

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## Scouts bottle drive, yard sale

First Bradford Scouting is holding a fundraising Bottle Drive and Yard Sale on Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m. The Yard Sale will be held in the parking lot at the Bradford

Sobeys Store, at Holland St. West and Melbourne Drive. Donations gratefully accepted. The Scouts will be going door to door picking up "empties" at the same time; call Lloyd George at 905-960-4400 to

arrange for a pick-up, then or at any time. The funds raised will help send local Scouts to the Canadian Jamboree being held in Halifax in 2017, Canada's Sesquicentennial Year.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Bev Martin checks to make sure the Canada T-shirt will fit Mohammad, 8, at St. John's Presbyterian Church.

## Welcome to Canada

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Finally, Rev. Daniel Scott and the Refugee Committee presented "Canada Day" bags to each member of the family – each containing Holland Marsh carrots, but also sweet oranges and dates, a Canada T-shirt and hat. The family is now taking English lessons, to help them settle in their new home. Mohammad and Ghazal will be starting

school in September, and Abdulah is hoping to find work in Syria he was a veterinary assistant, working with large animals.

The Dahloush family is the second Syrian family to be welcomed to the community. The 12-member Al Shiehw family, sponsored by BRUC (Bradford Refugee Inter-Denominational Group), arrived in Bradford on Jan. 8, and is living in the Bond Head area.

## Council turns down recommendation to list Middleton School

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

The BWG Heritage Committee carried out another assessment of SS #6, the Middleton School on 10 Sidersoad – and this time, recommended listing the building on the Town's Heritage Registry, as a property with potential heritage value.

In a presentation to Bradford West Gwillimbury Council on June 21, Committee member Ian Cooper noted that the 1908 school was constructed of what was then a relatively new building material, cement block.

"It's unusual for Bradford. We don't have many cement buildings, especially from the turn of the century," Cooper said, noting that George W. Stoddart, then 31, won the tender to build S.S. #6.

Courses of large 16.5" by 8" vertically-tooled blocks alternate with smaller 14.5" by 3.25" by 8" blocks, roughened to look like stone. Over all, the school has a "simple utilitarian design. They did away with all the frilly Victorian stuff," Cooper noted.

He also agreed that little beyond the outer walls, several beams in the basement and ceiling joists remain of the original school. There have been "substantial but largely sympathetic" renovations that have totally altered the interior, changed the roof line, and altered the entry. Even so, a high score in a heritage evaluation led to the recommendation that the structure not be designated, "just that it be added to the registry."

Council, while thanking Cooper for his report, refused.

"I don't understand listing. I doubt we'll ever designate," said Councillor Gary Baynes.

Councillor Mark Contois agreed. "We have to be consistent," he said, noting that other homes have been taken off the Heritage Registry because of extensive alteration. "Although the block is very interesting, the rest of the house has been totally altered," Contois said, suggesting a commemorative plaque be installed and the cement blocks saved, to "maybe make something out of them."

Council also heard from the current owner, who wants to resume the property for townhomes and demolish the existing building, and from consultant Alex Kosteren, who opposed listing on the registry.

"When it came to a vote, council agreed. 'I don't think this property should be listed,' said Councillor Peter Ferragine, noting that the Committee approved the demolition of the Stoddart House on Barrie St., and that looked a lot more heritage." The motion to list was defeated.

Council approved a second recommendation, to add the home at 111 Meadowview Drive to the registry. The red and yellow brick Victorian home, built circa 1890, was accidentally left off the original list; the owners are in favour of heritage listing, council was told.

"It's really nice to have somebody looking forward to being on this list," said Councillor Ron Orr.

## Canada Day Waste Collection

There will be **NO CHANGE** to your garbage, organics, and recycling collection day. Have materials at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular day to ensure collection.

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# Opinion

The  
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## Point of View

# Bring back colour

Over the years, we have published letters praising the town's flowering baskets when they were exuberant balls of colour, adding life and beauty to the Bradford streetscape - and the occasional critical letter, from residents who felt they weren't getting enough bang for their buck.

But we're... confused? bewildered?... by this year's "floral" offerings. They remind us of a comment made by a visitor on a garden tour organized by a local horticultural society. The avid gardener was enthusiastic about the range of blooms and varieties on display, comparing the gardens favourably to a recent tour in Toronto. "There weren't any flowers," she bemoaned. "It was all greenery." It's not quite "all greenery," but Bradford's barrels and baskets are definitely losing subdued this year. Heavy on the foliage, light on flowers,

and with a choice of colour scheme - purple and yellow - that is less than flattering to Bradford's architecture.

The town has made strides through its Downtown Community Improvement Plan, Revitalization Committee, and the efforts of individual building owners, who have made some wonderful changes - hiring The Brick Painter, for example, to transform the facades of two key buildings. But we don't think the town is ready for, or compatible with, the "sophisticated" - rather drab? - palette chosen for the flowering baskets.

Quite frankly, we miss the exuberance - especially this week, as we come up to Canada Day. Dark purple, lime green and yellow just don't have the same feel as, say, red and white.

We're hoping that next year, for Canada's sesquicentennial, the town chooses a colour scheme that is a little more celebratory.

## Lions' Early Bird Draw



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Have you got your ticket yet? Bradford Lions Liz and Bob Pegg at Pet Valu have tickets for the Lions' Mammoth Car Draw. The Bradford Lions Club is now selling tickets for its 63rd annual Mammoth Draw for Cars and Cash. Tickets are \$100 each for a chance to win a share of \$102,362.75 in prizes - including the 2nd prize of a 2016 Chevy Camaro, and the Grand prize of a 2016 Chevy Colorado pickup truck. Tickets also admit two to the Main Draw and Social Night, an evening of dinner, dancing, charity gambling, and entertainment by top Legends Live tribute artists, on Saturday, September 10 - but the first of 3 "early bird" draws for \$1000 each will be taking place this Friday, at Bradford West Gwillimbury's Canada Day Celebrations. Tickets are available from any Lion, or call 905-775-9170.

## Letters to the Editor

### Heritage kudos

To the editor: The landmark "Quaint House" makeover has transformed the eastern entrance to Bond Head in the best way possible.

It demonstrates what can be achieved with the judicious use of a little landscaping and paint - especially remarkable because The Quaint House (a former restaurant) is one of the key commercial heritage buildings in a predominantly residential area, and the changes have enhanced the property, and not compromised any of its heritage attributes. The Quaint House, as it stands, is in good scale to neighbouring properties and will be an inspiration to other heritage property owners. Congratulations to the owner!

David Chambers  
Bond Head

### Lions Golf Thanks

To the editor: On behalf of the Bradford Lions Club, I would like to convey our sincere thanks for all the support we received from our Corporate Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, Prize donors, golfers and volunteers, at our 17th Annual Golf Tournament. It was another successful year, with many funds raised for our Lions Community projects.

It was unseasonably cold, but everyone bundled up and enjoyed the day at The Highlands Golf Club of Bradford. Congratulations to our prize winners, with a special salute to our "Closest to the Pin" winner of the Paul Sadlon Motors' sponsored contest: Peter Linton got a Hole in One! He won \$1000 cash, and a die-cast collector car model. What a day for Peter, despite the weather!

Denise Wiscombe  
2016 Golf Chair

### The Good and the Bad

To the editor: After 65 years of safely riding bicycles, on June 21 at about 10:45 a.m. I was forced to learn the new skill of "swimming" on pavement and gravel. A distracted driver rolled through a stop sign on 5 Sideroad at Canal Rd., and made me bite the dust, and experience the new sensation of burn burn. Then, in a display of uncaring cowardice, he took off. Fortunately, another driver who saw the whole incident stopped

and supplied water and tissues, to allow me to wash the gravel and blood from my skin.

In one incident: both the negative and positive aspects of human behaviour, fully demonstrated! The good driver was taking her mother somewhere, and regrettably, I didn't get her name. I was too preoccupied at the time - but I am signing my name to this letter, and I am in the phone book a coffee as a thank-you can be retrieved any time!

Albert Wierenga  
Bradford

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Jackie Fennell presents a certificate from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to her father-in-law John Fennell, on his 90th birthday in Bradford.

## Celebrating 90 years

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

It was standing room only, in the St. John's Presbyterian Church hall. Residents of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Gifford, members of the sheep farming community, cattle breeders, representatives of local fairs, and politicians from four levels of government – municipal, County of Simcoe, provincial and federal – joined family members and friends in wishing John Fennell a happy 90th birthday on June 25.

Fennell was congratulated on his many achievements. A past councillor and Reeve of West Gwillimbury, he also served a term as Warden of Simcoe County, in 1981. He has been Master of the Simcoe Lodge AF & AM, Secretary of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, involved with the Simcoe County Plowman's Association, Junior Farmers, International Plowing Matches, and 4-H, and authored the book, *God Speed the Plow, a History of the Ontario Plowmen's Association*.

An exhibitor at numerous fairs, last year Fennell held the Supreme Champion Ram

at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. A letter, sent by the Royal, recognized 91 years of involvement at the Fair by the Fennell family – starting with John's father, in 1924 – and the Royal has only been around 94 years.

Family members and friends came from across Ontario, and as far away as British Columbia and Mexico to attend the party. "I didn't know I had so many friends," said Fennell, after speeches by MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan, MPP Julia Munro, Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall, and BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, and a presentation by Doug Savage, General Manager of the Markham Fair.

"It's been a long road," he said, telling his five children, "I think I worked hard. Anything I've asked you to do, I've done that job myself. I've forked hay and pitched manure." But, he said, he couldn't compare to his father Edwin – who would leave Gifford at midnight driving a team of Clydesdale horses, with a load of sheep in the box, and arrive at the Markham Fair at 7 a.m., show the Clydesdales, show the sheep, enter the plowing match, and then return home, "5 miles an hour, 35 miles."



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Music Students with Bradford Academy of Music won awards recognizing their Effort & Commitment to music studies, at the BWG Public Library.



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Students at the Bradford Academy of Music, honoured for their Volunteer Service.

## Celebrating achievement and a love of music

### BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

On June 11, students of Bradford Academy of Music and their families packed the Zima Room at the Bradford Public Library, for a musical celebration and awards ceremony.

For over 29 years, Bradford Academy of Music owner Rita Hunt has been sharing her love of music

with students of all ages, in Bradford - but this is the first time that she has organized an awards ceremony that has gone beyond an end-of-year recital.

The afternoon included select performances by a number of talented young musicians, and the presentation of awards recognizing not only those

students who have passed their exams and reached a level of achievement, but also those who have shown enthusiasm, who attended lessons regularly, who have volunteered within the community, and maintained standards of academic excellence.

There were special awards presented to the parents of

six families, for juggling the demands of work and home life, and still making room for music in their children's lives.

And there were awards presented to two students who have overcome disabilities, to learn a musical instrument.

Bradford Academy of Music, located at

448 Holland St. West, offers lessons in piano/keyboard, violin, banjo and mandolin, drums/percussion, and a range of instruments, but also rock band classes, a Ukelele Club, and Summer Music Camps. For information, see [www.bradfordacademyofmusic.com](http://www.bradfordacademyofmusic.com) or call 905-775-1572.

## News Briefs

### Music in the Park


The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury presents Music in the Park, sponsored by Vaughan Chrysler and Frank Colella, on the grassy area beside the BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays:

- July 7, Paul James Band.
- July 21, The Rattles (a Beatles Tribute)
- August 4 Neon Rain (Prince tribute)
- September 1, Hap Broderman Band.

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and snacks. Each evening will have a different theme - and the opening acts will feature performers from the York Simcoe Youth Music Festival. No rain dates.

### Midsummer Shakespeare

The Humber River Shakespeare Company will be presenting a performance of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, outdoors on the grassy area beside the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library & Cultural Centre on July 13, at 7 p.m. The family-friendly production of Shakespeare's comedic romp is free, although donations are gratefully accepted (suggested donation is \$20). Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come out for an evening of the Bard - the first time Humber River Shakespeare Company has performed in Bradford.



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**COUNCIL RECESS:** There will be no Council meetings in July. The next regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will take place on Aug. 2.

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For inquiries about the Town's larvicide program, call Town of BWG Transportation Services at 905-775-5369.

## Canada Day Closures

All Town offices, including the Leisure Centre and Public Library, will be closed and BWG Transit will not be running on **Friday, July 1, 2016** for Canada Day.

On behalf of the Mayor, Members of Council and Staff, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

## Celebrate Safely!

Residents of BWG are permitted to set off "family fireworks" on their own property only on Victoria Day, Canada Day, and the two days immediately before and after those days. You may not set off fireworks on public land, such as parks, roads or courts.

All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure no harm to people or property.

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## Events & Activities

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# Food Truck Festival a hit

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

The BWG Events Group was admittedly a little nervous about Saturday's Food Truck Festival.

It was Bradford's first foray into food truck culture, and although food trucks are popular in other centres, the Events Group wasn't sure how they would be received in BWG.

All doubts were gone by the time the gates opened at noon. The line-up stretched through the parking lot at Zehus Market - and continued throughout the one-day festival.

It was a family-oriented event, with a KidZone, live music, and a selection of food that ranged from pulled pork on a slider, to Beavertails and funnel cakes.

More than one food truck offered a gourmet interpretation of that Canadian classic, poutine - including gyoichi poutine.

Meltdown Cheesery served variations on grilled cheese - guscumole? Jalapeno peppers? - while T Dot Naans offered butter chicken, mac and cheese, and more, and S.O.S. dished up spiced rum barbecue chicken with diced peppers, and jerk chicken with agad cheddar.

One popular truck was Gourtmeo Gringos from Toronto - offering chicken,

beef or fish tacos.

It was a huge effort to pull off the Food Truck Festival, said BWG Events Group president Rick Brooks. "I think we went 36 hours straight," he said, noting that the festival is the group's latest effort to bring fun to the community, while improving the economy, boosting culture and tourism.

BWG Events Group volunteers were joined by local politicians at the opening of the festival. MP Peter Van Loan congratulated the group on organizing an event that "it looks as if the community is embracing" - a reference to the line-up, impatiently waiting for the gates to open.

MPP Julia Munro also congratulated a team that has made it their mission "to get the community together to have fun, and do good work as well. It's a win-win." The festival's \$2 admission fee was a fundraiser for Children's Choice Children's Charity, which supports breakfast and snack programs in schools, and assists local families with special needs children. The group is still tallying its expenses, before determining the size of the donation - but, Brooks says, over 13,000 people came through the gates.



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Lucien, 6, and Malcolm, 3, opted for ice cream.



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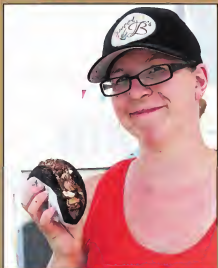
MPP Julia Munro, MPP Peter Van Loan, BWG Mayor Bob Keffner and Councillor Raj Sandhu join members of the BWG Events Group and sponsor Summerlyn Dental to cut the ribbon and officially open the first Food Truck Festival.



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Presenting sponsor Dr. Zaid Baraz (at right) and the whole Summerlyn Dental Care team were out in full force at the Food Truck Festival.

## New... Cake Tacos!



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Food Truck Festivals are all about innovation and creativity on wheels - gourmet combinations that go way beyond chip trucks and hot dogs. Bonnie Aguiar of Sweet B's Catering & Confectionery was inspired by the first Bradford Food Truck Festival on June 25 to come up with her own unique creations: brownie kebabs, and cake tacos! The easy-to-eat tacos made of cake were available in flavours that included cherry cheesecake, birthday cake, chocolate caramel bacon, and Ferrero Rocher - and, said Aguiar, got "great reviews!"



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# Festivals and family fun

## STAFF

### Hola Latin Festival

Bradford's inaugural Hola Latin Festival, organized by The Latin Group (TLG) Inc., will come to the Portuguese Cultural Centre at 767 Simcoe Road on Saturday, July 16 – an evening of Latin fun, flavour and music! Heat up your summer with DJ Mr. Jay, Flavio – Salsa Instructor, entertainer Gustavo Salinas, and the music of Pablo Terry and Sol de Cuba. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Only \$20 per ticket, available from 905-252-5099, 416-457-4781 or 647-290-8379. Cash bar and food, including tapas. Door prize.

### Caribbean & South Asian Showcase

The Ranji Singh Foundation has announced the fifth annual Caribbean & South Asian Showcase – a two-day festival in Newmarket, July 9 and 10, featuring fabulous food, fashion, children's activities, demonstrations, workshops, music and dance, held at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock



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From left, Liliana Hernandez of The Latin Group Inc., Gold Sponsor Julio Dominguez of Nissan Infiniti Newmarket, and Gustavo Salinas, TLG Inc., with poster promoting the Hola Latin Fiesta coming up in Bradford.

Drive. This year, something different: the addition of cultural performances from Russia, Korea, China, the Mediterranean and Latin America. The lineup includes the award-winning Pan Fantasy Steelband, South Asian classical and Bollywood dancers, Calypso Queen Miamore Fifi, Destiny Band, Glenn Marais Band, Buller Creole and more! Admission is free, but donations of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry will be welcomed.

For more information and details, see [www.ranjisingshifoundation.org](http://www.ranjisingshifoundation.org).

### Bradford Ribfest

2016 Bradford Ribfest, organized by the BWG Events Group and a fundraiser for President's Choice Children's Charity, will be taking place in front of Zehrs Market at 500 Holland St. West, July 20-22. Fabulous ribbers return with their mouth-watering ribs, chicken and pulled pork. Live entertainment, midway rides, marketplace and more.

# Raising funds for new bleachers at BDHS

## BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

The Bradford District High School Bleacher Fund received a big boost recently – a \$500 cheque from Poleiro BBQ, Poleiro Owner Tony Garcia made the donation to school council co-chair Anthony Melidy, who was accompanied by students from the local high school.

The school council is currently fundraising to purchase new aluminum and galvanized steel bleachers for the outdoor sports field – something that would increase attendance at outdoor sporting events and, say the students, boost school spirit. The school council has been reaching out to local businesses and the community at large to partner,



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As Bradford High School students look on, Tony Garcia of Poleiro presents a cheque for \$500 to School Council Co-chair Anthony Melidy for new bleachers at BDHS.

and provide support. The goal is to raise about \$16,000.

The fundraiser also received donations from Ad-Dictive Design & Promotion, and The Bradford Print Shoppe, which contributed \$100 each to the campaign.

To make a donation, contact the school at 905-775-2262, or send a cheque to Bradford District High School, 70 Professor Drive Drive, Bradford ON L3Z3B9; indicate the cheque is for "Bleachers" Tax receipts will be provided.

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# Aboriginal Day in Bradford

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

Canada's First Nations are resilient. Despite the horrendous experiences of the Residential schools, and the attempted destruction of the fabric of Indigenous culture, they treasure their traditions - and share those traditions with other Canadians.

The BWG Diversity Committee hosted Aboriginal Day at the Bradford Public Library & Cultural Centre, on June 26 - inviting Jacob Charles of Georgina Island and his First Nation Cultural Tours to provide an afternoon of singing, dancing, and education.

Shirley Hay, of the Mohawk Nation, and Marilyn George of the Offway nation, explained the four "medicines" - cedar, sweet grass, tobacco and sage - and talked of medicine bundles and pouches, that create

a prayerful link to the Creator, and a culture of thanks.

"We're always thinking of Mother Earth," said Charles, and of generations to come - although the residential schools broke the connections between the generations, with consequences that are still felt today. The last residential school only closed in 1996; since then, he noted, Indigenous people have been working to restore their cultures and traditions.

Drummers beat a "Grandfather Drum," made of deer hide and cedar, and sang in the high-pitched spirit language that transcends human language, as Lee Benson of Rama First Nations performed a Grass Dance, and Thunder Jack danced the Prairie Chicken Dance.

Then they invited everyone to join in an "Intertribal" celebration.



MIRIAM KING, BRADFORD TIMES

Thunder Jack dances the Prairie Chicken Dance.



Marilyn George, left, and Shirley Hay sing a song of thanks.



Lee Benson, of Rama First Nations, demonstrates the Grass Dance - "Grass is the hair of Mother Earth" - at an Aboriginal Day celebration in Bradford.

# Greatest Events in Canadian History contest

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

For the past four years, the Bond Head Women's Institute has put together beautiful calendars, photographing the disappearing barns of Bradford West Gwillimbury, and preserving part of the town's agricultural heritage.

This year, the Women's Institute has decided on a different theme, for its 2017 Calendar - a Sesquicentennial theme, that will capture the most important moments in Canada's 150 year history.

And they're turning the calendar into a contest, open to everyone.

The Bond Head Women's Institute wants residents to send in their suggestions for historic events and images for inclusion in the 2017 Greatest Events in Canadian History calendar. Work as an

individual or as a team to choose an event, and write a 150 word description of the moment in history, and why it is so important to Canadians.

The Women's Institute is also looking for images, says member Mikki Nanowski. Photographs and original artwork would be "great!" - but she and other members are also willing to sit down and help contestants develop their ideas and find appropriate images.

Deadline for the competition has been extended to July 31. Twelve monthly winners will be selected for the Calendar (prize is a free calendar, and your name on this Sesquicentennial memento); plus a Grand Prize winner, to be on the cover (prize is 5 copies). To enter, email [bradfordprintshop@bellnet.ca](mailto:bradfordprintshop@bellnet.ca) or call 905-775-4011.

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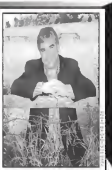
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## Happy Birthday, Canada!

### Pancake Breakfast

York Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan invites constituents and their families to a Free Pancake Breakfast on Canada Day, July 1, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex, 19148 Mount Albert Road, Sharon, Ontario. All welcome! For more information, call 905-886-1600 or 1-877-Peter-4-U.

### Sandycove Canada Day Parade

Sandycove Acres adult lifestyle community in Innisfil hosts a Veterans' Breakfast at 8 a.m. at The Hub, and an annual Canada Day Parade, starting from the Wheel Community Centre (off Lockhart Rd.). The Parade forms up at 9 a.m. for judging, and starts at 10 a.m.

### Innisfil Lioness Community Day

The Innisfil Lioness Club hosts its annual Community Canada Day party at the Lions' Hall on Innisfil Beach Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event includes face-painting, balloon, crafts, Canada Day Birthday Cake, a free hot dog per person (extra dogs, sausages and pop will be available for sale), candy floss, popcorn, and great games for kids.

### Canada Day at Bradford's Legion

The Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, hosts Canada Day festivities from noon to 5 p.m. Includes a barbecue lunch, Bake Sale table, games, Wooden Horse "Race", and local entertainer Rik Hawkins, performing from noon to 3 p.m. All welcome!

### Canada Day in BWG

The BWG Canada Day Celebrations will take place at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., starting at 5 p.m. on July 1. Includes a Children's Play Zone with inflatables, rock climbing wall and other activities; Lions BBQ; live entertainment on the main stage with Against the Wind (Bob Seger Tribute Band), Elite Dance Corps and Green Holiday (Green Day tribute band); the presentation of the annual Civic Awards at 8 p.m.; and a fireworks display at dusk (around 10 p.m.).

### Kanata Day

Newmarket hosts the Kanata Day Summer Festival, July 1 – starting with a pancake breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon at the Newmarket Community Centre and Lions Hall, 200 Doug Dunlop Drive. There will be Games, inflatables, rock-climbing, food vendors, a 19-pub Beer Garden, and live entertainment at Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake Park, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The action then moves to George Richardson Park Bayview Parkway, for a performance by the Newmarket Citizens' Band at 7:30 p.m., followed by Fireworks at dusk. Free.

### Canada Day Parade

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion hosts its annual Canada Day Parade on Saturday, July 2. The parade forms up at St. Paul St. at 1 p.m., marching to the Legion at 1:30. Veterans, community members and children welcome! Kids are especially invited to decorate their bikes, to be part of the parade. Refreshments will follow at the Hall.



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## Public Meeting Notice

### Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion and Proposed Train Layover Facility in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is working to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The Government of Ontario is committed to bringing more GO service to the GO rail network over the next ten years. This new service will bring frequent two-way, all-day train service 7 days a week to get you where you need to go. Since the announcement, Metrolinx has started work and is conducting environmental studies across the network to better understand what we can build and how we can build it.

#### The Project

As part of GO service expansion, the Barrie corridor will provide electrified, all-day, two-way service every 15 minutes to Aurora as well as regular peak, midday, evening and weekend train service to Allandale Waterfront GO Station. This service will be phased in over 10 years while we build additional infrastructure. To support this vision, Metrolinx is proposing to add an additional track on the Barrie rail corridor between Lansdowne Avenue (Mile 3.00) in the City of Toronto and Allandale Waterfront GO Station (Mile 63.00) in the City of Barrie. The study will review the impacts from the required rail corridor infrastructure improvements and a new train layover for overnight storage of trains in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to increase service.

#### The Process

Metrolinx is assessing the environmental impacts of expanding the Barrie corridor according to the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings.

Learn more and stay up to date by visiting [metrolinx.com/RRBarrie](http://metrolinx.com/RRBarrie).

#### Find Out More

Your feedback and community perspective is important to informing this project. Residents, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to find out more and ask questions to Metrolinx staff at the public meeting noted below.

You are also welcome to contact staff directly with information, comments or questions. When the TPAP formally begins, feedback and comments will be included in the final report that is presented to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change for approval. You are invited to attend the public meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, July 13, 2016  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Presentation:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre  
 Don Harrison Auditorium  
 125 Simcoe Road, Bradford, ON

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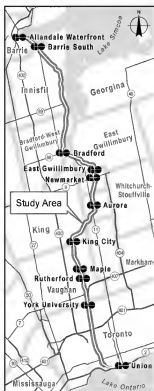
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Comments and information regarding this Project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact Georgina Collymore (contact information above) or the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.

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# Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme completed at last

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

After six years of construction, the relocation of 19 km of canals and cleanout of another 11 km, construction of almost 10 km. of berms, repair or replacement of bridges, creation of eight new hectares of fish habitat and relocation of 40,000 fish from the old to the new canals, the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project is done.

On June 23, the Holland Marsh Joint Municipal Services Board held an open house at Springdale Christian Reformed Church to celebrate.

But construction was only part of the story. For decades, then-drainage superintendent Art Janse pressed local municipalities to undertake improvements to the dyke and polder system first created by Prof. William H. Day and his partners in the 1920s and early 1950s.

After the devastation of Hurricane Hazel in 1954, when floodwaters breached the dykes and submerged the marsh, changes were inadvertently made to the canals that created life safety issues. Buffers were eliminated; in more than one location, the waters of the canal now lay directly beside the road. There were fatalities, especially in winter when icy roads created hazardous conditions.

And siltation posed a threat. By the early 2000s, the north canal was only 0.25 to 1 m deep in places; some areas of the south canal were completely silted in. The canals didn't have the capacity to handle a 50-year storm, let alone a 100-year event like Hurricane Hazel. Without improvements, flooding of the marsh was inevitable.

Janse proposed a combina-



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, former Chief Administrative officer of BWG Jay Currier, drainage superintendent Dean Jonkman Jr., and former CAO of King Twp. Scotty Somerville at the official opening of the Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme improvements.

tion of canal relocation and dredging, to reduce the likelihood of flooding, improve maintenance, and improve life-safety, but there was initially little support for the multi-million dollar project.

That all changed in 2006. On Feb. 6, 2006, a vehicle driven by Cassandra Read slid off Canal Road and into the dark, icy waters of the north canal. In the back seat was her four-year-old son, Taylor Grasby. Both mother and child drowned before rescuers could locate the vehicle.

The calls for action, by Read's family and by residents of the marsh, began to be heard. Adding to the pressure on local governments were high water levels; on several occasions, the water in the canals came close to over-topping the dykes - leading to the realization that a dyke breach could result in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in property and crops.

In 2007, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Township of King established a new Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal

Services Board, to oversee the marsh and the improvements needed. An environmental assessment was undertaken. Kenn Scott Engineering was hired to complete an engineering report - and the province announced a Mill Grant Program, that could provide funding to offset the \$25 million estimated cost of the drainage improvements, in addition to the 33% grant available from OMAFRA for agricultural landowners.

The Chief Administrative Officers of BWG, Jay Currier and King Twp. Scotty Somerville wrote the grant proposal, working closely with municipal affairs and housing reps Tom Gutfreund and Karren Wallace; they were successful in winning a grant of over \$10 million.

At the time, the discussion was, "notwithstanding there were only \$25 million in the pot, we need \$10 million," said Somerville at the open house, calling it "one of those really good news stories - the interaction, the co-operation between the municipalities and the province."



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Representing the partnerships that made the Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme improvements a reality - from left, BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, King Councillor and Marsh Farmer Avia Eek, MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, MPP Peter Van Loan, at an open house in Bradford.

Construction began on July 1, 2010, under new drainage superintendent Frank Jonkman Jr., who was to oversee the complicated work to its conclusion, dealing with issues that ranged from a suspected grove of endangered buttressed trees (the trees turned out to be hybrids, and not protected) to the discovery of an American Ed whitebark tree - a discovery that temporarily shut down the project.

The work outsourced the Mayors and CAOs who launched the project. Both Currier and Somerville retired; BWG Mayor Doug White and King Mayor Margaret Black were both defeated in municipal elections, but the work continued. Their successors - Mayor Frank Jonkman in BWG, and Mayor Steve Pellegrini in King - represented their municipalities at the open house.

Black, and former BWG Mayor Frank Jonkman Sr. were among the dignitaries who attended, along with

current and past members of councils, York-Simcoe MPP Peter Van Loan, MPP Julia Munro, town staff and members of the Joint Municipal Services Board.

Dan Sopuch, chair of the HMDSMSB and a Marsh Grover, noted that the work is "in the final stages... of a \$26.2 million project," and credits Art Janse with launching the huge project that "I thought that would never happen in my lifetime." Sopuch praised the province and its grant of over \$10 million, the work of his board and drainage superintendent Jonkman, engineer Kenn Smart, contractor Dan Higgs, and lastly, the interior landowners for their patience... The flood protection is for you."

Mayor Keffer called the project "a tremendous achievement," that will provide flood protection for Ontario's most important vegetable-growing area. "The end of this work is truly significant."

"At the start, a lot of people were skeptical," said

MP Peter Van Loan, noting that the completed project "improves the farming, improves the environment, improves life safety, and will support sustainable farming for years and years."

"They said, 'How are we going to do this?' said BWG Councillor Gary Lamb, who emceed the Open House. "It's done."

The work isn't quite 100% completed. The Ministry of Transportation continues to work on its culverts, King Township has one more bridge to replace, and there is a need to monitor sediment accumulation, and remove aquatic weed growth. There is also a need for the "re-vegetation of constructed berms, with native trees, shrubs and seed mixtures where landowner approval is achieved," a summary report noted.

Avia Eek, King Councillor and a marsh farmer, said that the improved canals have already had a positive impact, "creating opportunities beyond the scope of the original proposal." The deeper canals have made more water available to Marsh farmers for irrigation purposes, especially important during the current drought.

"Having access to a higher volume of water has been beneficial and has relieved some of the stress," Eek said - pointing out that although the Holland Marsh Drainage improvements "may have begun with one person's vision, it takes teamwork" to make it a reality.

There was a cake-cutting, and then the breaking of a yellow police tape barrier, using an excavator provided by contractor Dan Higgs, to officially open the improved drainage system.

## Creating the perfect arrangement

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

Karl Kohnen, Manager/Operator of Black Forest Garden Centre, was the guest speaker at the June 23 meeting of the Bond Head District Horticultural Society.

It was the final meeting before the summer break, and Kohnen provided tips on creating exceptional planters in a hurry.

"It's almost like doing a flower arrangement," he told

his audience, urging them to "stuff as much stuff in as possible. That's the fun of it!"

He then demonstrated, using a large pot and well-grown plants - starting with Papyrus in the centre, then packing the surrounding space with Vanilla Butterfly Marguerite Daisies, Dragon Wing Begonias, euphorbias, hyacinth and other flowering plants.

The trick to making it all work? A good soak for each plant, to ensure that the

roots are "more squishable", and can be shoved into a limited space, creating a lush arrangement with a huge "wow" factor.

Once the planter is full, Kohnen advised gardeners to add a little more soil, gently water - then stand back and wait for the compliments.

The Bond Head & Bradford Garden Club also held a Flower Show, which featured a Rose Show and trophy for Best Rose. Congratulations to:

Hybrid Tea Rose - 1st to Gladys Fieldhouse  
Floribunda Rose - 1st to JoAnne Norton  
Best Rose - Maureen Evans  
Shrub Rose - Penny, Class B - 1st - Maureen Evans  
Asian Lily - 1st to Giselle Gutsche

Iris - 1st to Diane Russell  
Eggs-ally Right flower arrangement in an egg cup - Lorna Atkins, 1st  
Best Design - Giselle Gutsche



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Karl Kohnen, Black Forest Garden Centre, checks the name of a daisy, before placing it in a planter, at the meeting of the Bond Head Horticultural Society in Bradford.





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## Bradford Minor Softball results

### T-BALL DIVISION

June 15, Century 21 vs. Kidergy. Kidergy showed great improvement on the field and at bat. Congrats to Katarina and Mikal for their great hitting, strong catching by Nathan, super defense by Madison - and kudos to Connor, who in the fourth inning shut down Century 21's offense with back to back outs at first base.

June 16, Vin Bon vs. MFC Landscape Contracting. MFC started the game with a super-sized hit by Tyler - a home run. Sebastian had a tag at Third Base, and pitcher Antonio got 3 outs at home plate! Great team effort.

June 13, Royalty Stone Inc. vs. Bradford Home Hardware. Royalty Stone's Allison V. had a great hit, bringing in a run at the end of the First Inning; Ethan M. went 3 for 3, and Chase P. stopped the balls!

### ATOM DIVISION

June 13, Zoom Security Systems - 18, Drive True Mechanical - 9. Drive True had trouble getting their engines started this week, but Noah S. had some great catching, Cameron M. had 3 hits and scored 2 runs, and Laura D. had a hit in the 2nd, running her hitting streak to 3 games.

June 14, Back Alley Cruisers - 10, Robin Evans Real Estate - 4. Back Alley Cruisers had their first win of the season, thanks in large part to a stellar defense - with AJ getting a key out, and Charlie making a strong play at 1st base. Derek and Jayden both went 3 for 3 at bat. Robin Evans Real Estate had great fun, with good defense by pitcher Hailey J., great fly ball catch by Jevin M., and super hitting from Thomas B. and Brody B.

### MITE DIVISION

June 15, Roy Gordon Law - 19, Bellamy Sports - 17. Bellamy Sports had an incredible home run hit from Lucas.

### SQUIRT DIVISION

June 16, CG Technologies - 15, Vince's Market - 4. CG Technologies had great hitting by everyone, including a double from Jack G., scoring 2 RBIs, double by Alec G. in the 2nd inning, and 2 doubles by Keegan P. in the 2nd and 4th.

June 16, Robert W. Ratusny Law - 18, RBC Insurance - 17. For Robert Ratusny Law, Colton G. was 3 for 3, with a double and 2 singles, including the walk-off game-winning hit in the bottom of the 4th. Avery M. was on base all 3 times; Caleb C. was also 2 for 2, with 2 singles - scoring both times. RBC's Kyle had a double and long triple, scoring 3 runs, while Fraser had 2 singles. Sadie reached base all 3 times at bat, on Walks! Good eye!

### BANTAM DIVISION

June 13, Ultimate Car & Truck - 20, A&W High Voltage - 7. Good team effort from A&W; Kian H. had an awesome catch.



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# Community Listings

## FRI., JULY 1

**CANADA DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Hosted by MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan at the Once Gwillimbury Sports Complex in Sharon, 19145 Mount Albert Rd., 8:30 to 11 a.m. Free - all welcome.

**SANDYCOVE ACRES CANADA DAY PARADE:** Veteran's Breakfast at 8 a.m. at The Hub, Parade forms up in the parking lot of The Wheel Community Centre at 9 a.m. Parade begins at 10 a.m. At Sandycove Acres adult lifestyle community in Innisfil, off Lockhart Rd.

### INNISFIL LIONESS CLUB COMMUNITY CANADA DAY:

At the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free face painting, balloons, crafts, Canada Day birthday cake, candy floss, popcorn, old-fashioned games for kids, bouncy castle, one free hot dog per person (additional hot dogs, drinks available for purchase). Flag-raising and singing of O Canada at noon.

### BRADFORD LEGION CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES:

At The Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, from noon to 5 p.m. BBQ Lunch, Bake Table, games, Wooden Horse "racing", and entertainment by Rick Hawkins, from noon to 3 p.m. All welcome.

**TOWN OF BWG CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES:** At the Bradford & District Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, starting at 5 p.m. Children's inflatables, rock climbing wall, and other activities; Lions BBQ; Live entertainment on the main stage, including Award of the Wind (Bob Seger Tribute Band), Elite Dance Corps, Green Holiday

## Tayah's Birthday Wishes to Heaven



**Tayah Fairbrother**, at her fifth birthday, The little girl lost her battle with Neuroblastoma in December 2013; now her family is hosting a fundraiser, Tayah's Birthday Wishes to Heaven, to raise money for other children on a cancer journey. Tayah's third annual Birthday Wishes to Heaven Fundraiser will be taking place at the Canadian Tire Store parking lot in Bradford on Sunday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The community is invited to come out for a bouncy castle, fundraising barbecue, huge community garage sale, superheroes and Disney princesses, raffles and silent auction, live DJ, Pony Hop Races, fire trucks, a jousting ring, face-painting, and a balloon release, in memory of little Tayah Fairbrother, whose fight with cancer touched so many hearts. Needed: Items for the silent auction, garage sale items (which can be dropped off at the Canadian Tire parking lot on July 10, between 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.).

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(Green Day Tribute Band), presentation of Civic Awards, and a fabulous fireworks display at dusk (around 10 p.m.). Free.

**KANATA DAY SUMMER FESTIVAL:** Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon at the Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Dr., followed by Family Fun and live entertainment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverwalk Commons and Fairly Lake Park, in Newmarket - including food vendors, games, inflatables, and a beer garden. From 7:30 p.m. until dusk, the action moves to George Richardson Park on Bayview Parkway, for a concert by the Newmarket Citizens' Band, and Fireworks!

## SAT., JULY 2

**CANADA DAY PARADE:** The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion Br. 547 invites the community to participate in the annual Canada Day Parade, forming up on Arnold St. in Belle Ewart at 1 p.m., and proceeding to the Legion Centaph at 1:30 p.m. Wanted: Antique cars, Kids on decorated bikes, and community members to celebrate, enjoy light refreshments afterwards - and wish Canada a Happy Birthday.

## WEDS., JULY 6

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## THURS., JULY 7

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Celebrating Italy's 2-0 win over Spain in Euro Cup soccer action, on the streets of Bradford on June 27. Residents of Italian Heritage celebrated Italy's 2-0 win over Spain in Euro Cup soccer, on June 27, taking to the streets and waving flags. Italy goes on to meet Germany in the quarterfinals on July 2. Portugal has also advanced to the quarterfinals, and meets Poland. June 30. Other matches will see Wales play Belgium on July 1, and France vs. Iceland, July 3.

## Remembering Randy

## BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

For a second year, the Bagg Family - Bill Bagg and wife Sandra Hackenberg (Bagg), children Kyle, Sean and Samantha - held a fundraising golf tournament at The Highlands Golf Club of Bradford, raising money for the Canadian Mental Health Association's MOBYSS mobile youth mental health clinic, and honouring the memory of son Randy Bagg.

Their goal is to encourage others to "break the silence" - to speak up on mental health issues, to seek help when overwhelmed by feelings of depression, anxiety, and despair; and create opportunities to communicate.

To reach out, before it is too late.

It's a goal that grew out of personal tragedy: Randy, who worked at The Highlands for years, and who had enrolled in

the paramedics course at Georgian College, took his own life on November 6, 2014.

He left a grieving family, struggling with loss, and guilt. They hadn't realized the depths of Randy's depression; like so many other families, they missed the warning signals - the subtle changes in attitude, the loss of interest. And they hadn't realized how common mental health issues are, affecting 1 in 5 Canadians.

The Bagg's have worked to raise awareness of mental health issues, and to break down the barriers to open dialogue - urging young people who are struggling to seek help, and parents to keep the lines of communication open. They also have raised funds for the MOBYSS clinic, which brings mental health services to young people



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Organizers of the Golf Tourney in Memory of Randy Bagg - Sean, Kyle and Samantha Bagg, Bridget Jones, Bill and Sandra (Hackenberg) Bagg and MOBYSS social workers, at The Highlands Golf Club.

in York Region and South Simcoe.

On June 25, the second annual Golf Tournament in Memory of Randy Bagg brought 144 golfers to The Highlands for a day of golf, dinner, a Silent Auction and raffles. "Last year, we

raised just over \$8,000, after everything was paid for," said Sandra Hackenberg, hoping that this year's tourney will match, or beat the total - meeting the goals of "remembering Randy, and raising money for a good cause."

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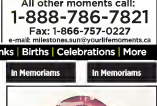
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Students at W.H. Day Elementary School give high fives to runners.

## Special Olympics Torch Run reaches out to the community

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

This year's South Simcoe Police Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics was something special.

In past years, police officers, auxiliaries, staff and other supporters have followed a fixed route through the municipality, carrying the Special Olympics torch, and handing it off to a neighbouring police service. It has always been a successful fundraiser for Special Olympics, but it didn't get a lot of notice from the public.

This year, South Simcoe Deputy Police Chief Andrew Fletcher came up with a better idea. Instead of limit-

ing the Torch Run to police and their supporters, he reached out to schools in both Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, and invited them to be part of the event.

Seventeen of 23 schools, both public and Catholic, responded to his invitation - and on June 22, South Simcoe Police mapped out a route, from 8:30 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon, that took the mobile command unit, cruisers and the Special Olympics Torch Run to each participating school.

And at each school, Special Needs students, Special Olympians and the DeafBlind joined the runners, carrying the torch as their cheering classmates lined the sidewalks.

The goal was to expand the Torch Run, said Deputy Chief Fletcher. "It's about how we connect with the community - and the schools are a big part of the community."

He added, "It changes the dynamics - interacting with kids waving banners and signs in a high-energy demonstration of support, instead of just running down the roads with our vehicles, and people saying, 'What's going on?'"

South Simcoe Police brought the Special Olympics Torch Run to Nantux Shores Secondary School, Goodfellow Public School, Holy Cross Catholic School, Alcona Glen PS, St. Francis of Assisi, Sunnybrae, Innisfil Central, Killamey Beach and Cookstown Pub-

lic schools in Innisfil, and Hon. Earl Rowe, W.H. Day Elementary, Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Bradford District High School, Fieldcrest, Mother Teresa Catholic and Fred C. Cook Public schools in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Each school had a slightly different "take" on the torch run - whether they made signs and waved banners or, like students at Mother Teresa Catholic School, lined the route from their school to nearby Fred C. Cook PS, and cheered and applauded as the torch passed by. But at every school, there was greater awareness of Special Olympics, and a sense of inclusion for those with Special Needs.

Fletcher hopes that next year, just 23

schools will participate.

Special Olympics was founded in 1968, to provide sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal was to promote physical fitness, but also enable Special Olympians to experience the challenges, the sense of joy, and the feeling of achievement that come with participation - to share their spirit, be brave, and "awaken the world to the precious abilities and dignity of every human being."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics has been taking place in Canada since 1987 - police partnering with Special Olympics to provide support and funding.



South Simcoe Police Officer Elisabeth Aschwarden with Mother Teresa Catholic School students, teachers, parents and kids with special needs.



Wes Brown carries the Special Olympics Torch.

## CHATS' Walk for Wellness

MIRIAM KING  
Bradford Times

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) held its Walk for Wellness at the Upper Canada Mall, June 12 - an indoor mall walk raising funds to ensure that the services provided by CHATS, from transportation to Meals on Wheels, are available to all seniors, no matter what their financial situation.

About 6,000 seniors and other vulnerable persons are served by CHATS in York Region and South Simcoe, said Chief Executive Officer Christina Bisanz. CHATS' goal is "to make sure they are able to live independently, and safely, in their own homes, keeping them out of long term care."

About 300 staff members help provide those services, "but the real heart of CHATS is the thousands of volunteers" Bisanz said, adding that it is the volunteer hours "that really stretch the few dollars we get from the government," and make it possible to provide subsidies that "help to extend services to seniors who truly not be able to afford even the modest charges."

Thanks to CHATS, the volunteers, and generous donors, seniors in York Region and South Simcoe "are able

to live well," she said.

Bisanz was joined by CHATS Director of Development Tim Jones, members of the board, and special guests - including Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen and his family, MP for Newmarket Aurora Kyle Peterson, and "Walk Hero" Olympic skier Brian Stemmler, who cut the ribbon to launch the walk.

Jones thanked all who came out to support CHATS. "I'm pleased - especially on a Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m.," he said, and especially with the number of board members who came out to participate. "They're leaders."



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Participating in the CHATS' Walk for Wellness at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket.



Cutting the ribbon to launch CHATS' Walk for Wellness, from left - Tim Jones, CHATS Director of Development; Olympian Brian Stemmler, and Christina Bisanz, CEO.

## Graduating to big kid school



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Elementary and secondary schools across Ontario hold graduations this month, as Grade 8 students prepare to move on to high school, and high school seniors look towards college, university or the work world. Bradford Progress Childcare Centres also held graduation ceremonies, although their "grads" were a little younger, a little smaller, and still at the very start of their educational careers. On June 16, the East Centre, on Graham Sideroad, held its "graduation" for kids in the pre-school and nursery programs - complete with scholars' caps and diplomas, as parents watched their tots get ready to move up to "big boy school and big girl school" in the fall. More than 500 kids are enrolled in 12 Bradford Progress Childcare programs, including 10 in-school locations that provide before and after-school care, the East Centre on Graham SR, and the North Centre, located at the BWG Child & Family Services on Barrie St. Bradford Progress Childcare Centres serve York Region, New Tecumseth and Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The North Centre held 4 separate graduation ceremonies, in the morning and afternoon on June 22 and 23, to accommodate of the kids.

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June 17, 2016 marked Century 21 Heritage's sixth Bradford Children's Charity Fund Annual Golf Tournament.

The tournament took place at The Highlands Golf Club to benefit Millie Arjoon, who, at just four years old, has Ulrich Muscular Dystrophy.

All proceeds from this year's Tournament are donated directly to the Arjoon family to help with Millie's mobility tools and everyday care.

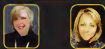
The event had a wonderful turnout thanks to the support that was received by members of the community and businesses in Bradford West Gwillimbury and the surrounding area. Without this community support, a day like this could never have been made possible. Century 21® Heritage would like to express their most sincere appreciation to everyone who helped to make this day such a success.

Thank you to our Founder Luis Moniz\* and Coordinators Cristina Silva\* & Carlos Silva\* for all of their hard work organizing and executing the event, Major Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, Golfers & Volunteers. Your support reminds us about the true meaning of community right where we live. We hope to see you next year!



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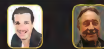
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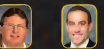
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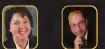
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